

STATE BOARD MEETING DATEMay 21, 2007**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Review Case No. C-2005-030R, Francisco Segovia**SUBMITTED BY:** Charles Easaw, Chief Investigator, Investigative Unit, State Board of Education**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** May 3, 2007**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Francisco Segovia held a Temporary Secondary Certificate that was valid through October 1, 2005. He timely applied for a renewal of his certificate on June 14, 2006.

On February 9, 2005, the Investigative Unit began an investigation of Mr. Segovia after receiving an allegation that pornographic images were found on his school computer. Upon his application for a renewal of certificate, Mr. Segovia was advised that the application required a review by the State Board of Education ("the Board"). The investigation revealed that pornographic images were on his computer. In addition, there were family photos that the Professional Practices Advisory Committee ("the PPAC") deemed inappropriate for storage on a school computer.

The PPAC conducted a review of Mr. Segovia's application on February 14, 2007. In his statements to the PPAC, Mr. Segovia expressed that each day he regretted his exercise of poor judgment and that he accepted full responsibility for his actions. He continued that the images were viewed after school hours and after student tutorials. He further emphasized that because he kept student grades on the computer, it was always secure and students were not permitted to use the computer.

The PPAC found that Mr. Segovia's conduct constituted immoral and unprofessional conduct which makes him unfit to teach and has an adverse effect on the school community. The PPAC voted unanimously, 5 – 0, to recommend that the State Board of Education deny Mr. Segovia's application for renewal, based on the following:

The PPAC found the following mitigating factors:

- Candor displayed before committee
- Supportive letters of recommendation

The PPAC found the following aggravating factors:

- Use of school resources to view pornographic sites
- Computer sitting in the classroom (versus an office) with the potential for student access
- Knowing violation of school district computer use policy

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW:

That the Board accept the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the PPAC and deny Francisco Segovia's application for renewal of certification.

ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO []